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Intimations.

G. FALCONER & CO., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of Twenty per cent (20%) of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

Intimations.

NOTICE.
A. MILLAR & CO., PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS, Queen's Road East, HONGKONG.

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Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,
Hongkong, July 18, 1876.

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The Law of Inheritance.

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Studies in Words.

The Educational Curriculum of the
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China Mail Office,
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A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
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—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

NIMROD, British barque, Capt. Clark.—
Cox.

ABERLADY, British barque, Capt. Nicoll.—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

VISCOUNT MACDUFF, British 3-m. sloop, Capt. Wm. Wright.—Borneo Co., Limited.

CRETERION, American ship, Captain W. Lill.—Siemens & Co.

WOODVILLE, British barque, Captain Nelson.—Wm. P. F. Co.

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wieland & Co.

LOVINA, German 8-m. schooner, Captain Schellerich.—Eduard Schellhaas & Co.

COBINE, British barque, Capt. Robert.—Wieland & Co.

CHINAMAN, British barque, Capt. Mac-
Kie.—Chinese.

ANNIE S. HALL, American bark, Captain C. H. Nelson.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

BAJANATELANIAH, British sloop, Captain Hopkins.—Yen Fat Hong.

CHITRANUM, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Wieland & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 25, Cithurn, British ship, 1884,
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Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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De Girard.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Sept. 26, TAKUAN, British steamer, 400,

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For COOKTOWN.—
Per CHARLTON, at 4:30 p.m., on
Thursday, the 27th inst. Correspondence
for Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania
and New Zealand, will be forwarded
by this opportunity, if directed per
Charlton. Correspondence for Reg-
istration will be received up to 15
minutes before the above hour.

For SAIGON.—
Per PERNAMBUCO, at 0:30 p.m., on
Friday, the 28th inst.

For BANGKOK.—
Per RAVANATTIANUHAR, at 4:30
p.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd Oct.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *SINDH* will
be despatched from Hongkong
on SATURDAY, the 29th instant,
with Mails to, and through the
United Kingdom and Europe, via
Marseille; to, Salagon, Singapore,
Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand,
Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles,
Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and
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DEPARTURES.

Sept. 26, Yangtze, for Canton.
26, Glenruin, for Newchwang.
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26, Twilight, for Singapore.
26, Ningpo, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Flodden, for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per SINDH, from Shanghai: for Hong-
kong, Mr. Ayala, and 25 Chinese; for Sing-
apore, Mr. Finlayson; for Galle, Mr.
Whitehead; for Port Said, Mr. Christophe;
for Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. Jerdien, Mr.
and Mrs. Knopf, Mr. Peters, Messrs Cottin,
Williamson, Clunies, Head, and 2 Chinese.
Per TIRE, from Yokohama: for Hong-
kong, Messrs Thompson, Culley, Atcock and
Ohan Wo, and Major Huskisson; for Mar-
sailles, Messrs G. Nelson, and Tamplin.
Per TAIWAN, from Coast Ports, Messrs
Nelson, Head, Ebbil, and Dr. E. Perera,
8 Europeans, and 166 Chinese.

Per Yangtze, from Shanghai, 58 Chinese
and 2 Europeans deck.

DEPARTED.

Per Ningpo, for Shanghai, 1 Cabin.

Per Glenruin, for Newchwang, 1 Euro-
pean.

Per Twilight, for Singapore, 1 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Yangtze* reports:
Strong N.E. winds throughout the passage.

The British ship *Cithurn* reports: Left
Cardiff 3rd June, crossed the Equator 8th
July, passed Meridian of Cape 5th August,
and Anjer 80th. On the 1st Sept., in Gas-
par Straits passed the wreck of a large ship.
Had very light winds up the China Sea.

The Chinese barque *Thon Kramom* re-
ports: The first part of the voyage mod-
erate and fine, wind N.E., then light
Southerly wind. After which had heavy
squalls with lightning and thunder. In
the Formosa Channel strong N.E. gale
with heavy squalls and sea from S.E. and
S.W. deck constantly full of water. On
the night of 24th Sept. the sea stow in
galley and door and caused other damage.
Remainder of passage moderate and cloudy
with squalls and rain.

The British steamer *Taiwan* reports:
Left Foochow on the 21st at 9 a.m., and
had moderate N.E. winds and fine weather
to Oshau, which was passed at 9 p.m.
At 10 p.m., the weather began to look threat-
ening, a heavy sea coming up from the
Southward and Barometer falling rapidly
and wind visibly increasing and hauling to
the S.E. Every appearance of a typhoon
being in our immediate neighbourhood.
At 11:30 p.m. wind blowing at hurricane
force, still veering to the S.E. and very
heavy sea running. By midnight wind
S.E., blowing steady but with increasing
violence. At 1:30 a.m. of the 22nd ship
was quite unmanageable and sometimes
falling off the wind and heading for the
shore with a speed of 8 or 9 knots. Decks
were continually flooded, and at times very
heavy seas came on board on either side;
filling the boats which were hanging to the
 davits, and whilst endeavouring to secure them,
the starboard and port life-boats were
torn away. At 2 a.m. it was deemed ad-
visable to cut away the foremast, which
was accordingly done. This eased the
vessel considerably and she came to the wind
again. At 2:15 there was a sudden lull,
which lasted about 15 minutes, but the sea
was still very boisterous. At 2:30 wind
chopped suddenly round to the S.W. and
blew with still greater violence, throwing
vessel on her beam ends, her top gallant rail
being completely under water. Vessel soon
righted, however, and came to the wind, head-
ing S.E. Barometer (at 2:30) (lowest reading)
28.30. Still shipping heavy seas aft,
washing all moveables of the decks, such as
swings, booms, stanchions, &c., cutter and
gig going away piece-meal from the davits,
despite the efforts made to save them.
At 3:30 gale began to rise, but no
alteration in the weather was perceptible,
the wind and sea still doing much injury
to the ship, though she was behaving ad-
mirably. At 6:30 a.m., wind and sea
decreasing, ship answering her helm steered
W.S.W. to enable us to find our position.
Centre of storm passed to N.W. about 2:30
a.m. At half-past 8 rescued 6 men from
a wrecked Chinese junk, Oshau bearing
North at the time, distant 9 miles. The
weather by this time was fine. At 11:30 a.m.
passed Co.'s S. S. *Yeo*. During the after-
noon passed no less than eight dismasted
and rudderless junks making for the shore,
the South, but they all refused assistance. At
7:15 p.m. arrived at Amoy. Thence to
Swatow had strong N.E. winds and heavy
sea, from Swatow to port moderate to fresh
N.E. winds and sea. Vessel in Foochow
—Str. Glencaig, Juan, and Olympia. In
Amoy.—Str. *Emuy*, *Seaton*, *Hutong*,
and *Consolation*. In Swatow.—Str. *Nelson*,
Flotilla, and *Swatow*.

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For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
Per *AMOY*, at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday,
the 27th inst., instead of as previously
notified.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per Schooner *LOUISA*, at 1:30 p.m.,
To-morrow, the 27th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *HOWSANG*, at 8:30 p.m. To-
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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

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BIRTHS.

At her residence, No. 100, Bluff, Yokohama, on the 6th September, the Wife of

Captain J. DUNMUND, of the steamer

Kumamoto Maru, of a Son.

At No. 98, Bluff, Yokohama, on the 7th

September, Mrs. J. COAST, of a Son.

At Shanghai, on the 16th September,

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY
OF CANTON.

This afternoon the fourth ordinary meeting of the shareholders in the above Society was held at the Offices, Pedder's Wharf, Hongkong. There were present—Hon. H. Lowood (in the chair), Hon. W. Keswick, and Messrs. Hoppins, Sisson, Barnes, Jackson, Stael, Linsted, Mendel, Heaton, Meyer, Cheyne, Hassell, Remond and Moore, (acting Secretary).

The ACTING SECRETARY read the advertisement convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen; I do not think it is necessary for me to say much in addition to the Report, which embraces almost all there is to state as to the condition of the Office. The business for the year 1876 was very good indeed, the net profit amounting to over \$300,000 out of a new premium of about \$900,000, and of these profits, \$104,000, as shown in the Report, has already been given to the contributing Shareholders, by interim bonuses of 5 and 8 per cent., while there will be available for future distribution another 5 per cent. Seeing that in addition to the payment of that sum, an equal amount has been placed to the Reserve Fund, I think we may consider we have passed a very good year for the Office. The position of the Society is of course very much strengthened not only by the Reserve Fund being made up to \$250,000 last year but also by our being able, in consequence of such increase, to give to contributors from 1st January this year 66.60 per cent or 2/3ds. of the profits, instead of only 50 per cent as hitherto, a fact to which I think attention should be drawn. I hope this increase in the proportion of the profits to be given to contributors will lead to an augmentation of the business. Looking also at the accounts for 1877, I think the working of the Society is better than it has been for some years. With these few remarks I beg to propose the adoption of this Report and accounts as presented.

Mr JACKSON seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr LINSTEAD moved that Messrs. J. P. Barnes and H. L. Dalrymple be re-elected auditors.

Mr HEATON seconded the motion, which was carried.

The CHAIRMAN moved that Messrs. G. O. Scott and J. H. Cox be re-appointed auditors.

Mr LINSTEAD seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr JACKSON: Gentlemen, we have great reason to be satisfied with the report which has just been presented to us, and I have much pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Directors, and the management for the very satisfactory way in which the business has been conducted. The Union Insurance Society is one of the oldest offices in China, and certainly one of the most respectable. We all rejoice in its prosperity, and I hope it will long continue to prosper.

The vote was carried by applause, and the proceedings then terminated.

Police Intelligence.
(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

26th September, 1877.

SHOP LIFTING.

Chun Achung, a native of Chinchew, was again brought up before Mr Russell to answer the charge of stealing a pair of opera glasses from the shop of Mr Schefer at Praya Central. The defendant, it may be remembered, went to the shop in company with another man with the ostensible object of buying things, and while his companion was examining a revolver, the prisoner took up the glass from a show case through a broken pane. He was, however, caught with the article under his sleeve. The prisoner said he only took up the glass to examine it, when the complainant seized him and beat him. He did not go into the shop with another man. Six months' hard labour.

A ROGUE AND VAGABOND.

Chun Afook, a hawker, was charged with being a watchman to some street gamblers at Wing Lok Street. The defendant raised an alarm on the approach of the Police. Three months' hard labour.

ASSAULT.

Andrew Clark, 3rd officer of the O. & O. S. S. *Gaelic*, was summoned by Ho Awai, a coolie at the Fuk Shang Wo Hong, for an assault. The complainant stated that his firm had goods to send to San Francisco from here. On the 24th inst., he was on board the *Gaelic* taking delivery of salt fish. The defendant was standing in the hold near the hatchway near where the goods were being taken out. He was superintending the discharge of the cargo. The bags containing the fish were marked F. S. W. Two bags were sent up without these marks, but they had the Chinese "Choy Chung Lung." Complainant called out to the coolies below not to send up bags not belonging to his hong. The defendant called him down below. He went down, when the defendant said he had called him a fool and gave him a blow on the eye. The defendant stated that he was helping the man to get out his cargo and was assisting him in every way, but he called him a fool, at least he understood so from a Chinaman. He therefore became angry and gave him a blow on the face with his open hand. He felt annoyed at helping the man and not only not getting his thanks but his abuse. He was, however, very sorry now for the assault. Fined \$2.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Leong Awai, a marine hawker, was charged by Inspector Oradoc with having in his possession a mustard bottle stolen from the premises of Messrs. Russell & Co. during the night of the 24th. A crust stand was stolen and in it was this mustard bottle. The defendant offered to sell it for 20 cents to a stall-keeper. Ho Apan, butler in the employ of Messrs. Russell & Co., at the Praya Junior Mess, said on the night of the 23rd, nine coffee cups, fifteen saucers, one clock, one crust stand were stolen from the steward's pantry. These were last seen on the night of the 23rd, but were missed at 8.30 a.m. on the 24th. The mustard bottle in Court was recognized by the witness. Remanded till the 28th. Admitted to bail in \$10.

ALLEGED THEFT.

Yip Afook, shop-cook, was charged by the cook to Mr Tait with stealing a jack. He went to the servants' quarter to look

for a man and then left. The complainant afterwards discovered that he had lost his jack. The defendant was found afterwards in an opium smoking divan and was said to have confessed to stealing it. Remanded till the 28th.

LARGERY.

Wong Achan, a hawker, was charged with stealing fowls, the property of one Tong Achan, a cobbler. The defendant admitted that he stole the chickens. He had no money to buy rice, and so he wanted to get the fowls. It was proved to have been in gaol in July 1876 for two months for larceny. Remanded till the 28th.

OBTAINING GOODS UNDER FALSE PRETENCES.

Chun Awah, a carpenter who was committed for trial yesterday on a charge of obtaining a quantity of "moon" cakes from a hawker under false pretences, was again brought up to-day to answer a similar charge of obtaining 140 pigeons from a hawker. On the 10th inst., he met a hawker of pigeons named Lo Akow and represented to him that he was the servant to a captain in the Barracks, that his master wanted to buy 40 pigeons, and bargained to purchase from the hawker. The hawker not having so many pigeons, with him consulted a brother in the profession named Yung Apul, who agreed to sell the number at Yung Apul's pigeons. The two men then took the pigeons to the Wellington Barracks, when the prisoner told Lo Akow to carry them in. The sentry at the door refused to admit him, but the prisoner said something and Lo Akow was admitted. The pigeons were placed below the verandah, and the prisoner said he would go and get his master to pay for them. He came back shortly and said his master was out but would be back by 4 to 7, and told Lo Akow to go outside to wait, as this was a Barrack and no outsider could remain. He went out accordingly and waited till about 9 p.m. without hearing anything more. He then returned home and related to Yung Apul, (who had left Lo Akow alone waiting) what had happened when Yung Apul told him that it was all right, as the prisoner had just been to him and his master wanted 100 pigeons more by the morrow, when he would pay for the whole lot. Nothing was suspected of him then. Next morning about 4 o'clock, the prisoner came and rapped at the door asking for the pigeons, complaining at the same time that ten of the pigeons previously delivered were too lean and that better ones should be provided in the batch to be supplied. It was then arranged that the price for fat pigeons should be 2 dandareens and 2 1/2. As Yung Apul had not such a large quantity, he went to gather them from other hawkers. The pigeons were then taken down to the southern side of the Wellington Barracks, guided by the prisoner. The sentry stopped the hawker, but the prisoner said something to him, and he was allowed in. This was about 6.30 a.m. The prisoner told the hawker to put down the pigeons while he went upstairs to get his master to pay. He came back and said his master had not got up, but that he would be up about 7.15, meantime he desired the hawker to wait outside the Barracks. He waited till 9 a.m., when hearing nothing he wanted to get inside, but the sentry would not allow him. He continued to wait till about 11, when a servant came out, and he told him what had occurred. He spoke to the sentry, who then allowed him in. He looked everywhere for the prisoner but could not find him, and all the servants in the Barracks said there was not such a man there. At last a Chinaman informed him that a man answering to the description of the prisoner had been seen to take two baskets of pigeons to the water side and there engage a boat. The hawker then knew that he had been duped, and thinking he might have gone to Kowlong, went all over the peninsula to look for him without success. At last he heard of the case of a man who had obtained moon cakes by false pretences. Curiosity induced him to go up to the Police Court, where he saw the prisoner and identified him at once as the man who had robbed him of his pigeons. The prisoner was also committed for trial.

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then rejoiced. They contain about ten per cent. of silver. The prisoner's statement was that they had been given to her by an ex-military officer from Tachow, a spot well known as a manufactory of counterfeit coins. It appeared that this man and others had lately come to Shanghai, lodging at a tea house; and that whilst here they were visited by a number of "respectable" people. The ex-military officer had returned to Tachow, but soon absconded, having probably heard of the woman's arrest. The case was remanded for ten days, to enable search for the man to be made.

A fourth engine, named the *Vicinity*, has been completed and added to the rolling stock of the Woosung Railway. It is larger and more powerful than its predecessors, and will be equal to any extra work likely to arise in the shape of heavy excursion or holiday trains, for which the other engines are not so well fitted.

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About three weeks ago a small and peculiar species of caterpillar made its appearance in the settlement and neighbourhood and attracted some attention. After a short time, however, it apparently disappeared. A walk along the Sowee road will show what became of it. The cotton plants in all directions have been almost entirely stripped of their leaves by what are evidently enormously developed specimens of this caterpillar—upon one small stalk 28 of them were counted, the majority being 2 1/2 inches long. It is needless to add that very little cotton will be picked in the country round Shanghai this year, and as many of the peasants are dependent upon the outcome of the crop for about half their income, its failure will entail a great deal of distress.

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HAWK.

The fatal of Hupeh died very suddenly last week. He went out on the 11th to pay his respects to the Commander-in-Chief of the forces in Hupeh and Hunan, who was passing through on his way to Peking, and died on the 13th. A fabulous sum, according to popular report, has been paid for his coffin, and priests are now engaged in the yamen offering up prayers for the repose of his soul. The funeral obsequies are likely to be conducted on a magnificent scale. The mandarins will escort his remains on foot to the river, whence they will be borne to his native province of Kiangsu.—N. C. D. News.

WENCHOW.

Matters are pretty well in *sic transit* quo, the officials mildly demanding *lekin* whatever rates they can get, and taking promises to pay it *leku* or money. In some instances, (where the victim is supposed to be insignificant), a show of forcing the tax is made. Demands are also freely made for a payment of back *lekin*, i.e., that due or *goods incurred* since the *opening of the port*. It is important to note that only a very nominal rate of *lekin* was levied in a few instances prior to the arrival of foreigners; and in a great many cases none at all. All this is in imposing the "military tax," and the sudden discovery of the necessity for it, has sprung into existence contemporaneously with foreign advent. The officials, however, seem to have been a little scared—thanks to the energy of our Consul—and have called in all the pamphlets previously circulated, torn out those preious rules, and now simply content themselves with issuing the *hantarki*. An original book cannot be got at present for love or money, and I have no doubt but that even the condensed translation, which appeared in your late issue, caused much tumultuous regret in the official breast. A foreigner who sold some good to a native the other day, finding that the purchaser was thought to belong to the class available for pressure, volunteered to pay the *lekin* himself, and include it in the price; but he was most anxiously and repeatedly informed by the officials that they "would on no account take a single cent from a foreigner until the power to enforce payment arrived from Peking." They eventually succeeded the buyer, however.

Meantime we are without steamer. Why, we know not; the Chinese herald declare that they have no end of cargo in Shanghai waiting for conveyance. The U.S. *Palos* came in to-day and brought with some news of the outer world; when we shall next hear, goodness or rather badness only knows. Cholera has appeared to a limited extent, but the sanitary advantages of this place—perfect drainage and unusual cleanliness—lead us to hope this dread disease may not become epidemic. We have had incessant rain for the last ten days, and the natives say we may expect a continuation of the same pleasant condition until the end of the month. I am obliged now to fall back on the usual feminine excuse for concluding an uninteresting letter, by stating (what in this case is a fact) that "we positively have no news, it is quite too awfully dull," so looking for better luck next time I will at present sign myself.—N. C. D. News.

China.

SHANGHAI.

We are sorry to see by our Tientsin correspondent's letter, that cholera is "exercising a scare" there among the natives. The scourge has now visited all the open ports on the coast to a greater or less extent. We would that with this visitation the sorrows of the North should cease; but we are justified in doubting it.

A Ningpo woman named San-Wen-Siu was charged at the Mixed Court this morning (Sept. 20th) with attempting to pass counterfeit dollars. A hundred bad dollars had been found in her possession. They are good coins to look at, but were at once detected by their ring. They appeared to have been gilded—the silver insides taken out and copper substituted, and the edges

Japan.
(Gazette)

At about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, (Sept. 18th) the remains of the Princess Sankaino Miya were conveyed from the Prince's late residence in Kihel-mach, Asabu, for Shiba, where they were interred in strict accordance with Buddhist rites. The cortège consisted of forty-eight magicians in the van, who were followed by persons bearing banners, flowers, incense, &c., at the rear of whom were a large number of gaudily attired Buddhist priests. The coffin which bore the Mikado's crest in the centre, came next, and was protected from the rays of the sun by five individuals who duly was to hold white silk umbrellas over it. Following the coffin was the bearer of the short sword worn by the late Princess, and a person carrying her shoes. Then came two others with banners, in whose wake followed the Court ladies in carriages. After them came the Chief Mourne, Matadura Kukudo, and the members of the Imperial Household on horseback. The late Shogun's family were next in procession, and then three princes, the F. M. Minister, and members of the Cabinet, and their subordinates, the Chiji of Tokio, and companies of artillery, cavalry and infantry. Two Foreign Ministers, and a very large number of other people completed the procession. Though the funeral started at eleven o'clock, it was two o'clock before it reached Shiba, owing to the great difficulty experienced in clearing the roadway of the masses of people who had congregated to witness the cortège. On arriving at Sojo-ji, the body was laid beside that of the husband of the late Princess within the enclosure of the temple. All Government business was suspended in Tokio and Yokohama, and in the latter place the flags of men-of-war were lowered to half-mast, and minute guns fired by the Japanese man-of-war *Azuma-kan*.

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ON SATURDAY, the 29th September, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *SINDH*, Commandant NOMEDDIN, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 28th September, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUERY,
Agent.
Hongkong, September 20, 1877.

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THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 1st October, at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 30th instant. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, September 10, 1877.



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY's Steamship *K H I V A*, Captain LEE, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 11th October, at Noon.

TEA and GENERAL CARGO for LONDON will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta Steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, September 24, 1877.

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THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUGHEE AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on the 18th, 1877, at 12 o'Clock Noon, taking Passengers and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mita Blah S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Island Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. Parcels will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consignments to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, September 24, 1877.

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Mr ARYON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr FAT JACK, at 30, Hing Loo Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

INSURANCES.

THE NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—Tails Two Million, in 1,000 shares of Tails 2,000 each.

PAID UP CAPITAL—Tails Six Hundred Thousand or Tails 600 per share.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

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NOTICE.

THE Company will be constituted on the 1st January, 1878, as a permanent Marine Insurance Company, to carry on the business (established in 1853) of the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, 1875-1877.

A Reserve Fund will be formed of Tails 400,000, by setting aside a portion of the profits at such times and in such sums as the Shareholders shall decide.

The net profits of the Company for each year will be divided amongst the Shareholders, in the following manner:—

One-third over the Shares, a portion thereof being set aside for the formation of a Reserve Fund as above stated.

Two-thirds as a return to Contributors (being Shareholders), in proportion to the Premium paid or influenced by them.

A revision of the Share List will take place at the end of every three years, and for this purpose power will be given to the Directors by the Deed of Settlement to withdraw at the before-mentioned period all or any of the Shares held by Shareholders who have not contributed Premium or whose contributions during the preceding three years have not been in proportion to the number of Shares held.

Shareholders retiring from the Company in pursuance of the above regulation, will be notified at least three months prior to the date fixed for any such revision of the Share List, and will have the option of disposing of their Shares in either of the following ways:—

They will be at liberty at any time after receipt of notice of withdrawal, and prior to the date of revision, to sell their Shares to any person approved by the Company and accepted as the transferee; or

Upon surrendering their scrip certificate for cancellation at the time of such revision, and pursuant to notice, will receive a return of the Capital paid up thereon; and so soon after as the financial position of the Company up to the date of the revision can be ascertained and the accounts adjusted, they shall also receive a pro-rata share of the Reserve Fund, if any accumulated, together with such proportion of the unappropriated profits as may be found due to them.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Applications for Shares in the undermentioned form will be received at the offices of the Company, from residents in China and Japan, until the 30th September; from London and distant ports until 31st October next.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

To the Provisional Committee of the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, Gentlemen,

..... hereby request that you will allow to Shares in the above Company, and agree to accept such Shares, or any less number you may allot to ; and agree to pay the first call of Tails 600 per Share, and all subsequent calls, and to subscribe the Deed of Settlement when required to do so.

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

.....

Forms of application for Shares can be obtained at the Head-office, or by application to the Agents of the Company.

Shanghai, June 18, 1877.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA

OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUGHEE AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on the 18th, 1877, at 12 o'Clock Noon, taking Passengers and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mita Blah S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Island Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. Parcels will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consignments to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 24, 1877.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang and Malacca.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary,

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLION POUNDS.

THE Underwriters are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods in Mateships, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1,000 on a Single Premium.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Agents—Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwriters, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

THE Reserve Fund will be formed of Tails 400,000, by setting aside a portion of the profits at such times and in such sums as the Shareholders shall decide.

The net profits of the Company for each year will be divided amongst the Shareholders, in the following manner:—

One-third over the Shares, a portion thereof being set aside for the formation of a Reserve Fund as above stated.

Two-thirds as a return to Contributors (being Shareholders), in proportion to the Premium paid or influenced by them.

A revision of the Share List will take place at the end of every three years, and for this purpose power will be given to the Directors by the Deed of Settlement to withdraw at the before-mentioned period all or any of the Shares held by Shareholders who have not contributed Premium or whose contributions during the preceding three years have not been in proportion to the number of Shares held.

Shareholders retiring from the Company in pursuance of the above regulation, will be notified at least three months prior to the date fixed for any such revision of the Share List, and will have the option of disposing of their Shares in either of the following ways:—

They will be at liberty at any time after receipt of notice of withdrawal, and prior to the date of revision, to sell their Shares to any person approved by the Company and accepted as the transferee; or

Upon surrendering their scrip certificate for cancellation at the time of such revision, and pursuant to notice, will receive a return of the Capital paid up thereon; and so soon after as the financial position of the Company up to the date of the revision can be ascertained and the accounts adjusted, they shall also receive a pro-rata share of the Reserve Fund, if any accumulated, together with such proportion of the unappropriated profits as may be found due to them.

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ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underwriters are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on any one Building